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TO: Joel Boyd, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools  
FROM: Billie Jo Turner, Chief Financial Officer  
DATE: January 10, 2023  
RE: Approval to Accept and Expend Allocated FY23 Awards

I respectfully request that the School Committee vote to approve and accept the enclosed list of FY23 grant allocations received to date.

These funds include Federal and State awards that have been secured by the Lowell Public Schools through the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education, and The Mass Cultural Council as well as funding from The US Department of Education

**Math Acceleration Academies –DESE Fund Code 125****Allocation Amount: \$227,258****Duration: 1/4/23 to 6/30/23**

The purpose of this competitive grant is to fund the implementation of a specific strategic initiative, the Acceleration Academies, to help accelerate the learning of students most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Afghan Refugee Support Grant –DESE Fund Code 652****Allocation Amount: \$263,744****Duration: 1/5/23 to 6/30/23**

The goal of this grant initiative is to enhance LEA capacity to promote the academic performance and successful integration of Afghan newcomer students. Grant activities will provide funding for services that lead to the effective integration and education of eligible Afghan children and youth.

**Full Service Community Schools Grant****Allocation Amount: \$2,498,877.50****Duration: 1/1/23 to 12/31/27**

The Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS) program provides support for the planning, implementation, and operation of full-service community schools that improve the coordination, integration, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for children and families, particularly for children attending high-poverty schools, including high-poverty rural schools. The FSCS program was re-authorized under Title IV through Community Support for School Success, sections 4621-4623 and 4625 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA).

**STARS Residency Grant****Allocation Amount: \$5,950****Duration: 1/4/23 to 6/30/23**

STARS Residencies support three-day-plus residencies that bring students and teachers together with practicing artists, scientists, and humanists to create rich cultural experiences. These residencies help youth build confidence, discover hidden talents, explore the natural world, understand their place in history, and rise as leaders in their community.